

## SOUTH AFRICAN RADIO LEAGUE

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You are listening to Amateur Radio Station ZS6SRL of the South African Radio League, the National society for Amateur Radio in South Africa, with a news bulletin that is broadcast every Sunday at 08:15 Central Africa Time (CAT) in Afrikaans and at 08:30 CAT in English.

Reception reports on the 10,130 MHz experimental relay will be appreciated.

This bulletin is also available on the website of the SARL at [www.sarl.org.za](http://www.sarl.org.za) and on packet bulletin boards.

## SILENT KEY

It is with regret that the Council of the SARL announces the passing away of Alan Ritchie, ZS5XK, on 26th of March 2004. Alan received his licence in the 1950's. His great love was Amateur Radio but he also dedicated many years to the Scout Movement. He was instrumental in introducing Amateur Radio into the Scouting fraternity, now recognised as JOTA. Alan's greatest interest was the construction of radio equipment. He will be sorely missed. Alan leaves his wife Shelia and children. Our sincerest condolences to his family, relatives and friends.

## PAUSE

In the news today:

## MICROPHONES IN VEHICLES

## ZS4SRK AT THE OUTDOORS SHOW

## FOX HUNT ON THE EAST RAND

## SPECIAL EVENT STATION FROM THAILAND

Stay tuned for more detail on these and other news items. Visit the SARL Web site or call the SARL office which is open on weekdays from 09:00 to 13:00 at 011 675 2393 for details on how to join, book sales and all related amateur radio activities.

SARL NEWS invites clubs and individuals to submit news items of interest to amateurs on the web site of the SARL, which is [www.sarl.org.za/newsinbox.asp](http://www.sarl.org.za/newsinbox.asp) not later than the Thursday preceding the bulletin date. It would be appreciated if you could do it in both Afrikaans and English.

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The news follows in detail.

## MICROPHONES IN VEHICLES

Amendment to sub regulation 308A paragraph (3) (b) with effect from 22 September 2000. The old sub regulation was substituted by r.2.G.N.R.941. This

amendment allows a person to use any land radio system while he or she is holding it.

The amendment has removed the expiry date on the exemption for land radios. A person may therefore use a land radio as stipulated in regulation (3) (b) while holding it in his or her hand.

The exemption of law enforcers and emergency personnel in respect of cell phones has been deleted. (They must have a hands free kit).

The original sub-regulation read: "the phrase cellular or mobile telephone or any other communications device excludes land mobile radio transmission and reception equipment operating in the frequency band 2 Megahertz to 500 Megahertz that is affixed to the vehicle or is part of the fixture in the vehicle".

#### SARL COUNCIL MEETING

The second meeting of the newly elected SARL Council will take place on Wednesday evening 21 April, by means of a teleconference. Councillors are requested to confirm their telephone numbers for the conference with Henry ZS1AAZ.

#### ZS4SRK ON THE AIR FROM OUTDOORS SHOW

During the weekend of 28, 29 and 30 April 2004, the Sasolburg Radio Club will be operating an educational radio station at the annual outdoor show of the High School Transvalia in Vanderbijlpark. The club plans to be active on 40 m SSB; 20 m CW and 2 m simplex and duplex, as well as packet radio. Amateurs are requested make contact with the station in order to give the young people a feeling for the hobby. The station will be on the air from 14:00 to 22:00 daily.

#### EAST RAND RADIO CLUB HOSTS FOX HUNT

The East Rand Radio Club will be hosting a fox hunt on 15 May 2004 between 08:00 and 11:00, starting at 08:00 from the clubhouse at the Olympia Park Swimming Pool in Springs, behind the Pam Brink Stadium.

Entry fees are R20-00 per individual and R30-00 per team. After completion of the foxhunt, at the destination, a cash prize for first place and prizes for second and third place will be awarded. Every one attending should be mobile, as the hunting party does not return to the clubhouse again.

The hunt will start at 08:00 and participants should arrive at 07:30 to receive all the needed documentation, etc. Participants need a directional antenna, 2 metre rig using 145,500 MHz simplex, a motor vehicle with enough petrol to travel +/- 25 km including all the wrong turns and all the items needed for relaxation afterwards - bring and braai. A bakkie load of enthusiasm is also needed. Bring along the wife and kids, this day promises to be fun. The awards ceremony starts at 12:00 followed by the braai and social. Bookings can be made with Johanna Harris on 011-814-2121 during office hours.

Come and catch a fox - teh East Rand Club dares you!!

## SPECIAL EVENT STATION FROM THAILAND

Members of the Radio Amateur Society of Thailand (RAST) are active as HS72B until the end of 2004. This special event call sign has been issued to celebrate Her Majesty the Queen's 72nd birthday. Activity is on all bands, including the WARC bands. The call sign will be in use during SEANET activities. QSL via operators' instructions.

## PROPAGATION CONDITIONS

Kobus, ZS6KOB, reports that propagation conditions during the past week were weak but nevertheless there were very good openings during late afternoon, especially to the East. The sunspot number declined further as expected but increased somewhat during the last few days. On Friday it was only 44,3 as against 40,1 the previous week. Of course one can not expect much a low sunspot number, but never underestimate conditions, openings can appear unexpectedly even with low sunspot numbers. Last week there were excellent conditions even on 6 m and on Friday very good conditions towards the East. Use the 20 m band around 17:00 towards the East and later towards Europe. We are now in solar cycle 23 which will expectedly reach its minimum in 2007 with the start of cycle 24.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

25 April SARL President's Net; 28 - 30 April ZS4SRK from the Outdoors Show; 15 May East Rand Radio Club foxhunt.

The SARL invites you to listen to Amateur Radio Mirror International on 17 815, 9 750, and 7 082 kHz and 145,625 MHz in East London, 145,650 in Durban 145,750 MHz in Pretoria and 438,800 in the Sandton area. A repeat broadcast can be heard on Mondays at 21:00 CAT on 3 215 kHz.

Telkom and Sentech sponsor ARMI. This then brings us to the end of today's bulletin, which was compiled by Dennis ZS4BS, and read by .....from..... as a service to radio amateurs, short wave listeners and electronic enthusiasts.

You have been listening to ZS6SRL and thank you for having joined us. Also many thanks to those persons who supply news for our bulletins and the amateurs who relay the bulletins so regularly.

Goodbye everyone. /EX